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INDONESIAN AND INDO-MALDIVIAN MARITIME BOUNDARIES

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1. ON JANUARY 15 THE GOI ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF AN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND SPECIFIED THE LIMIT
OF WATERS OF INDIA IN THE PALK STRAIT, PALK BAY,

AND THE GULF OF MANNAR. THE ANNOUNCEMENT, BASED ON
THE MARITIME ZONES ACT OF 1976, STATES THAT EXCLUSIVE
ECONOMIC ZONE OF INDIA EXTENDS INTO THE SEA OUTSIDE
THE TERRITORIAL WATERS TO A DISTANCE OF 200 NAUTICAL
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WHICH THE BREADTH OF TERRITORIAL WATER IS MEASURED.
IN THE ZONE INDIA ASSERTS SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF
EXPLORING AND EXPLOITING THE LIVING AND NON-LIVING
RESOURCES AS WELL AS FOR OTHER ECONOMIC USES, AND
EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION TO AUTHORIZE, REGULATE,
CONDUCT AND CONTROL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AND TO
TAKE MEASURES TO PROTECT THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS THE INDIAN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SRI LANKA GOVERNMENT. ACCOUNTS NOTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE MARITIME BOUNDARY WITH THAILAND, BURMA, BANGLADESH, AND PAKISTAN WILL BE UNDERTAKEN.

3. ON JANUARY 14 AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN NEW DELHI DEMARCATING THE INDO-INDONESIAN MARITIME BOUNDARY. UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT THE 77 KM BOUNDARY LINE ESTABLISHED IN 1974 IS EXTENDED NORTHEAST INTO THE ANDAMAN SEA UP TO A POINT CLOSE TO THE POSSIBLE TRIJUNCTION AMONG INDIA, INDONESIA, AND THAILAND. THE BOUNDARY IS BASED ON THE MEDIAN LINE PRINCIPLE. IT ALSO RECOGNIZES THE NICOBAR ISLANDS AS AN ARCHIPELAGIC SOVEREIGN TERRITORY.

4. ON DECEMBER 28, 1976, THE GOI AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS SIGNED A MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO A GOI PRESS RELEASE, THE BOUNDARY STARTS FROM THE TRIJUNCTION POINT BETWEEN INDIA, THE MALDIVES AND SRI LANKA, AND RUNS ALONG THE MEDIAN LINE BETWEEN THE WEST COAST OF INDIA AND THE MALDIVES AND BETWEEN THE MINICOY ISLAND OF INDIA AND THE NORTHERN ATOLL OF IHAVANDIFFULU OF THE MALDIVES. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES EACH PARTY WITH SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL ISLANDS ON ITS SIDE OF THE BOUNDARY AND OVER THE TERRITORIAL WATERS AND AIR SPACE ABOVE, AND SOVEREIGNTY AND EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTINENTAL SHELF AND THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND ITS LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES WHICH FALL ON ITS SIDE OF THE BORDER.

5. WE SHALL POUCH TEXTS OF GOI ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BOUNDARY AGREEMENTS AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. SCHNEIDER

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